

Recommendation Report for Works to Tree(s) on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (

REF NO: **AW/288/14/T**

LOCATION: 8 A'Becket's Avenue
 Aldwick

PROPOSAL: Reduce 1 No Purple Plum tree by 1m in height & reduce 2 No Sorbus trees by
 2m in height to previous pruning points.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above
SITE AREA	N/A
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DENSITY (NET)	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat
TREES	The trees the subject of this application.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	Front has dwarf brick wall with white picket fencing under 1m in height, side boundary No 10 conifer hedging approximately 2m in height, side boundary No 6 has soft landscaping.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Detached two storey property with front dormers, detached garage to rear. The property has light yellow painted brickwork with a tiled roof.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Within the Aldwick Bay Conservation Area. Private residential estate comprising predominantly detached properties of various styles and designs, some of notable character.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

None

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Aldwick Parish Council

Members agreed that the Arun Arboriculturist is consulted regarding the application and that his recommendations/decisions is applied.

Comments on Representations received:

Parish Council comments noted

See Tree Officer's recommendation.

CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist

Consultations responses received:

Tree Officer

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The outlined trees in this application are situated in the in the high amenity area of Aldwick bay Estate. The surrounding landscape of this private estate has a rich mix of trees of varying age classes and of a differing species mix. The trees cited are located in the front garden of 8 Trump lodge, A'Beckets Avenue.

The outlined trees have clearly had historical height reductions, which have clearly responded positively to this type of management. This process has clearly been repeated, as the stem size is large in relation to the regrowth.

The proposed operation has outlined the desire to reduce the height of the outlined trees to the established pruning points. This does mean the outlined operation will equate to the removal of the regrowth that has emerged since the last reduction.

It would be my recommendation that this operation should be allowed to take place, as this operation is likely to increase the retention span of the outlined trees. Also as this management has already been instigated, best practise would dictate the continuation of this type of pruning operation.

This operation should also follow the below condition;

Crown Reduction

All side branches to be retained should be at least 1/3rd in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed 100mm in diameter.

Comments on Consultation responses:

Tree Officer comments noted

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation applicable to site:

Built Up Area Boundary
Within Conservation Area
Tree Preservation Order

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

Arun District Local Plan 2003: [AREA2](#) Conservation Areas

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under References ID 36-090-20140306 and ID36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:

"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The Purple Plum and Sorbus trees are sited in the front garden and are readily visible in the street scene and are of public visual amenity.

The trees have previously been pruned and the application seeks to reduce the trees to previous pruning points. The Tree Officer has inspected the trees and has raised no objection to the pruning which carried out on a regular basis is likely to increase the retention span of the trees.

It is therefore recommended to approve the application, subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

- 1 The works hereby approved shall involve:

Reduce 1 no Purple Plum tree by 1m in height.

Reduce 2 no. Sorbus trees by 2m in height to previous pruning points.

All works to be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 Recommendations for Tree Work.

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Reason: In the interests of amenity and for the continued health and vitality of the trees.

- 2 The work hereby approved shall be undertaken under the supervision of the Local Planning Authority who shall be notified in writing, not less than 7 days before the work commences.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of amenity.

- 3 The burning of materials obtained by site clearance or from any other source shall not take place within 6 metres of the furthest extent of the canopy of any tree or group of trees to be retained on the site or on land adjoining.

Reason: To protect trees and vegetation from fire damage in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality.

- 4 INFORMATIVE: The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.

- 5 INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.